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However, if one can overlook wearying detail and awkward sentences, he will find the book useful as a source of information regarding the industrial situation, natural resources, possibilities of development, character of the people and of the government, and opportunities for investment and for trade in the country. Evidently the writer has gone carefully over his ground and is attempting to give the most accurate information. His thoroughly British point of view, however, makes him rather partial at times. Some of his economic theory also is interesting, as when he expresses his relief at not being oppressed by "pernicious monopoly" in telephone service (p. 57). But his chief difficulty is with the involved sentences which sometimes make his meaning very difficult to distinguish. One regrets that the limitations of the writer should have obstructed with such difficulties an account of much real interest.

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*The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea.* Translated and Annotated by WILFRED H. SCHOFF. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1912. 8vo, pp. 323. \$2.00.

The text of this volume, which occupies less than thirty pages, is the memoir of a Greek merchant of the first century. In this small compass he has given a detailed account of the trade-routes of the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea, and the Persian Gulf, together with a full list of the imports and exports of their markets.

The more valuable portion of the book, however, consists of the exhaustive notes by the translator. They deal with explanations of the various terms and the history of the peoples mentioned in the text. Without these notes an understanding of the text would be well-nigh impossible. A map at the end of the book is also of great service for locating the numerous trading ports referred to.

The translator of the *Periplus* may easily be said to have made a contribution to the history of commerce, for this, one of the earliest and most interesting guide-books of ocean trade-routes, throws much light upon many of the peoples of whom so little is known and concerning whom much might still be learned.

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*Saleswomen in Mercantile Stores.* By ELIZABETH BEARDSLEY BUTLER. New York: Charities Publication Committee, 1912. 12mo, pp. xv+217. \$1.00.

This report, published by the Russell Sage Foundation, is the result of a careful investigation of working conditions of the thirty-four most important mercantile houses of Baltimore. It gives, first, a thorough report of physical conditions of work, of wages, etc., and then deals with the special phases of the situation as it exists in Baltimore, considering the class of people who are employed, reasons for their being in the work, and general causes of present conditions and wages. The general attitude of the community toward women's